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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1751

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SUBJECT: JOINT MILITARY GROUP MEETING: LPF

REVERSES POSITION

REF: VIENTIANE 1709

1. JOINT RLG/ LPF GROUP CONCERNED WITH MILITARY ARTICLES
OF VIENTIANE 1973 AGREEMENT MET TODAY AS SCHEDULED. JUDGING
FROM PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS AFTERWARDS, LPF IS RENEGING
ON ITS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON CERTAIN FEATURES OF
CEASEFIRE IMPLEMENTATION REPORTED REFTEL.

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2. LPF SPOKESMAN SOTH PHETRASY TOLD PRESS BOTH SIDES HAVE VERY DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS. IN PRESENT MEETINGS, LPF WISHES ONLY TO DISCUSS AND STUDY PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL, CEASEFIRE, POW EXCHANGE, ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF JOINT COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. SOTH SAID JOINT COMMISSION PRESCRIBED IN AGREEMENT CAN NOT BE FORMED NOW, BECAUSE GROUP NOW MEETING MUST FIRST HAVE INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND THEIR NATIONALITIES IN LAOS AND OTHER SUCH SUBJECTS.

3. RLG SPOKESMAN GENERAL BOUNTHIENG, IN DEJECTED TONE, TOLD PRESS HE HAD EXPECTED LPF TODAY TO HAVE IN HAND THEIR ANSWERS ON HIS PROPOSALS YESTERDAY FOR THREE MOBILE TEAMS IN VIENTIANE AND 46 TEAMS THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF COUNTRY. BOUNTHIENG SAID LPF REFUSED TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS AND HAD DISAVOWED WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CONSIDER THEM.

4. OUR OBSERVER AT PRESS CONFERENCE ASKED SOTH FOR HIS OPINION ON THE THREE MOBILE TEAMS AND 46 FIELD TEAMS. SOTH SAID HE DID NOT AGREE TO THEM AND QUESTION MUST BE DISCUSSED FURTHER. HE ASKED SOTH WHETHER LPF WAS WAITING FOR FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT BEFORE ADDRESSING MILITARY QUESTIONS. SOTH REPLIED THAT TWO QUESTIONS WERE NOT RELATED: " GOVERNMENT WOULD ONLY DEAL WITH INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS, NOT MILITARY QUESTIONS."

5. LPF SPOKESMAN STATED THAT TWO SIDES HAD NOT AGREED ON DATE OF NEXT MILITARY GROUP MEETING , WHICH LPF HAD LEFT TO RLG DEL TO PROPOSE.

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